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NEW MEDLARS CENTERS AT HARVARD AND MICHIGAN

Dr. Martin M. Cummings, Director, NLM, announces the establishment of two new MEDLARS Search Centers - one at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the other at the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine in the Harvard Medical Area in Boston. NLM will furnish these centers with duplicate MEDLARS tapes for use on local computer equipment.

The Michigan Center, under a one-year, $86,000 contract, will provide demand bibliographic services to qualified users in the midwestern region. This includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Project director for the contractor is David K. Maxfield, Librarian, University of Michigan Medical Center Library.

The Countway Library operation will serve the New England region, comprising Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, under a one-year, $90,000 contract. The Center will utilize the computer facilities of the Harvard University Computing Center in Cambridge, and will be under the direction of Ralph T. Esterquest, Librarian of the Countway Library.

Both contracts provide that staff from the two new Center libraries be trained at the National Library of Medicine in MEDLARS procedures. Both Centers will also set up programs to familiarize regional medical librarians with MEDLARS services.

The Library's Project Officer for these contracts is Paul C. Redmer, Acting Chief, Information Systems Division.

NLM PRESERVATION PROGRAM ACCELERATED

An additional one million pages of deteriorating paper in the Library's collections will be preserved in fiscal 1967 under a $35,000 microfilming contract with University Microfilms, Inc., of Ann Arbor, Michigan. The NLM has also expanded its in-house microfilming program to nearly two million pages per year.

With the experience gained from this pilot contract and from continued technical study, the Library will be prepared to expand the annual rate of microfilming to preserve the estimated 37 million pages of valuable biomedical knowledge now endangered.

SLA AWARD TO DRUG LITERATURE PROGRAM CHIEF

Miss Winifred Sewell is to be the joint recipient, with Mrs. Mildred P. Clark, of the annual publications award of the Science and Technology Division, Special Libraries Association. The presentation will be made at the SLA meeting in Minneapolis on May 31.

Miss Sewell and Mrs. Clark are being honored for establishing, in 1949, the monthly publication, Unlisted Drugs, a listing from the published literature of new drug names and experimental numbers not yet recorded in standard sources. Unlisted Drugs, now being published commercially, continues to be an important tool for biomedical practitioners and research scientists.

VISITING PSYCHIATRIST DISCUSSES ROYAL "INSANITY"

Dr. Richard A. Hunter, noted British psychiatrist, spoke on May 3 at the National Library of Medicine on the "insanity" of England's George III. The monarch's illness, variously diagnosed and long debated, had considerable influence on English politics in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Dr. Hunter presented evidence that the king was actually the victim of porphyria.

Dr. Hunter is Physician in Psychological Medicine, the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, and Consultant Psychiatrist, Whittington and Friern Hospitals, London. He is currently on a lecture tour of the United States.

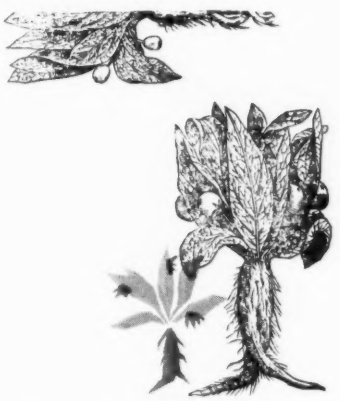
On display in the NLM lobby during the week of May 2 was an exhibit, prepared by the Library's History of Medicine Division, featuring some contemporary medical reports on George III's illness and works on psychiatry of the period.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR VISITS FAR EAST

Scott Adams, NLM's Deputy Director, returned recently from a trip to Korea and Vietnam. In Korea he investigated the medical library resources and services of eight medical schools on behalf of the Public Health Division of the Agency for International Development, which is concerned with strengthening medical education in Korea. Of the eight, four are National schools supported by the Ministry of Education (Seoul, Taegu, Kwangju, and Pusan), and four are private (Yonsei, Soo Do, Ewha, and Catholic).

At the request of the Public Health Division, AID, in Saigon, he then spent three days reviewing the library needs of the new Faculty of Medicine in Saigon.

EXHIBITS



An exhibit entitled "Herbals," a display of botanical books showing the relationship of herbs to early medicine, is now featured in the NLM lobby. The exhibit will continue through June.

On July 1, a new lobby exhibit will open. "Medical Symbolism in Books of the Renaissance and Baroque" will be on display through October. A descriptive catalog of the exhibit will be distributed to visitors.

On November 14, the extensive collection of pre-Columbian sculpture assembled by Abner Weisman, M.D., will be presented at the Library. Dr. Weisman's collection has been shown previously at the 1966 annual meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine, and the recent meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Chicago. It is currently en route to Sweden, where the opening on June 6 at Stockholm's Statens Historiska Museum will be attended by King Gustav VI.

PUBLICATIONS

The first edition of Cumulated Index Medicus to be published by the National Library of Medicine and printed by the GPO will be off the press in late June. The 1965 CIM contains 7,000 pages, in four volumes, and lists about 170,000 citations to articles from 2400 of the world's leading biomedical journals.

The MEDLARS-produced cumulation of monthly Index Medicus issues was formerly published and sold by the American Medical Association. It is now available at $40 ($50 foreign) from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

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Beginning with Vol. 1, no. 10, each biweekly issue of the NLM Current Catalog will be numbered by volume and issue. Covers of the biweekly listings will be color-keyed to the appropriate quarterly cumulation. For example, biweekly listings issued January through March have red covers, and the January-March cumulation (now off the press) is also bound in red. Beginning with this issue, biweekly listings for the second quarter of 1966 will have green covers, as will the second quarterly cumulation.

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CORRECTION: The price of the 1966 List of Journals Indexed in Index Medicus is seventy-five cents, not $1.50, as quoted in the previous issue of NLM News.

STAFF CHANGES

Dr. Martin M. Cummings announces the appointment on May 22 of Dr. Clifford A. Bachrach as Chief of the Library's Bibliographic Services Division. Dr. Bachrach received his M.D. degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1941, and an M.P.H. degree from Johns Hopkins University. Most recently, he has served as Research Epidemiologist and Medical Liaison Officer for the Coronary Drug Project in the Office of the Associate Director for Collaborative Studies, National Heart Institute.

Dr. Leonard Karel, former BSD Chief, has been named Special Assistant for Information Centers to NLM's Associate Director for Intramural Programs.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE LITERATURE SEARCHES

Single copies of the following bibliographies are available on request to the Office of the Assistant to the Director, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. They should be ordered by number. Please do not send requests on interlibrary loan forms.

L.S. No.	Title	Number of Citations
13-66	Brain RNA in learning and memory. mid-1963-March 1966.	14
14-66	Education in health practitioner-patient relations. mid-1963-March 1966.	43

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